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Mr. Mike Norman
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RE: Exide Corporation - Greer, South Carolina
NEIC Report

Dear Mr. Norman:

We represent a number of residents of two communities adjacent to the former Exide facility in Greer, South Carolina. For a number of years Exide Corporation denied responsibility for high levels of lead contamination in Westgate Trailer Park and in King Acres subdivision, both adjacent to its lead acid battery facility. The matter was referred to the NEIC. Approximately 2 years ago the NEIC issued a draft report, indicating that the lead levels in Westgate Trailer Park most probably emanated from the Exide facility. However, during these past two years NEIC has yet to issue a final report. We understand that this is an abnormally long period of time, with extensive unexplained delays, in the issuance of the final report. We have written the NEIC on several occasions asking for the final report. We have been informed that it is forthcoming.

We understand that you are the section chief at Region 4 EPA regarding this matter. We respectfully request that you inquire from the NEIC as to the cause of any delays in the issuance of the final report. We also request that you ask the NEIC to go ahead and issue this report without further delay. Please understand that this matter is far from moot. In fact, Exide is currently negotiating with South Carolina D.H.E.C. for a clean-up level in King Acres significantly higher than EPA and HUD recommended levels.



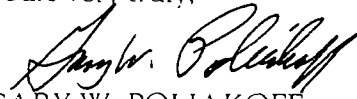
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We appreciate your assistance, and we look forward to hearing from you regarding the delay of this NEIC report.

With best regards I am,

Yours very truly,


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